

**TESTIMONY OF**  
**GEORGE A. COLEMAN, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**  
**ON**  
**RAISED BILL 1195**

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM**

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) **strongly opposes** Raised Bill No. 1195, *An Act Concerning School Finance Reform*, which would make extensive changes to the statutes regarding education finance, including the ECS formula, Charter Schools, Magnet Schools, Priority School Districts and Vocational Agricultural schools.

CSDE strongly supports the Governor's proposal in H.B. No. 6385, section 14 of the bill that establishes a task force to study issues relating to the equalization aid grant formula set forth in section 10-262h of the general statutes and other means of state funding for education pursuant to chapter 172 of the general statutes. By January 1, 2012, this taskforce will submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

Therefore, the CSDE **strongly opposes** Raised Bill No. 1195.